

# ShowTime

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It may be the middle of summer, but the HHLT continues to be a busy organization, so no summer hiatus for us! Here's what's keeping us active during the summer:

**A Few Good Years!:** That's the title of our Fall production, and as I noted in an e-mail I sent to everyone last month, Bill and Ina are moving ahead quickly in preparing for it. If you are interested in playing a role on the stage or behind the scenes, please get in touch with one of them soon. We will be doing a read-through of Act 1 of the play at our next **general meeting, Thursday July 21 at 7 PM in the Craft Room**, so this will be a good opportunity for everyone to get a "feeling" for this new play. Those of you who have been given scripts should bring them to the meeting next week for the read-through!!! Formal auditions will be in August.



**Play-Writing Contest:** You will have seen in the July Horn that a committee led by Roger DelRosario has set up a play-writing contest under the auspices of HHLT. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have always wanted to write a play since there is not only a cash prize, but also the possibility that the play will be produced by HHLT in the future! The contest is open to all Heritage Hunt residents, so pass on the information to other budding playwrights in the community, who will also be good candidates for HHLT membership!

**Communications/Web-Site:** As announced at the last general meeting, Bets Knepley is now our Communications Chairperson, responsible for a large variety of tasks, from putting together the web-site to "publishing" the monthly newsletter (as of September). Thanks Bets for lending us your fantastic talents.

**Storage of HHLT Inventory:** As we announced at the last general meeting, Board Membership Director Ed Prendergast has taken up the task of investigating how and where to store our inventory, now stored in several lower levels around the community. We hope to have a report and a recommendation for action soon. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to volunteer their lower level (aka basement) for storage of our inventory, we would love to hear from you.

**Picnic:** Each year the HHLT has its annual picnic during the summer months hosted by a member at their home. We need a volunteer for this year, so please let us know if you are willing to do this. It is always pot-luck and the HHLT chips in to help defray costs, so we hope to hear from a lucky volunteer soon.

Gene Schmiel

## HHLT GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Officers in attendance were Gene Schmiel, Ina Mayer, Treva Whyte, and Goldie Grandy. Ina and Joyce Mancini were given a hearty round of applause for the outstanding job they did as directors of a "Hatful of Humor." Ina and Joyce thanked all who helped in any way to make the production a success.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Treva, in Sandy's absence. They were amended to read June 16 for the next general meeting, and approved.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10,509.37. Treva also gave a synopsis of the P&L statement for a "Hatful of Humor," which showed a profit of \$1125.82. A copy of the P&L was made available for all to see what the expenses for the production were.

Goldie said she had met with Bets Knepley concerning Bets' new role as the Communications Chairperson for the LT. Bets graciously offered to undertake this role, and, of course, the Board immediately accepted her offer. Goldie will be the Liaison between the LT Board and Bets. Bets will be putting together and editing the newsletter as of September.

Ina stated that she and Bill Harrison are ready to start on the next production for the fall, "A Few Good Years." They are working on acquiring the crew. We will have a partial read-through after the July meeting. We will finish the read-through after the August 18 meeting. Auditions will be held on Friday evening, August 19, and on Saturday morning, August 20. Because the Tuesday before the play is election day, the schedule for the rehearsals is as follows: Sunday, Nov. 6, technical rehearsal; Monday, dress rehearsal; Tuesday, free; and production Wed., Thurs., and Friday. Ina gave a brief synopsis of "A Few Good Years" and had a few copies for interested persons to sign out.

Gene pointed out that M.J. Brickach will be directing in the fall of 2012, but has not yet selected a play.

Bets talked about her visions for the communications committee. She would like to have committee members, who would not necessarily serve for the entire year. Joyce Mancini will continue to write the articles for the HORN. Bets would like to have a photographer at each general meeting to get pictures for the newsletter and the website. Anyone who has information that would be interesting and/or useful to other members should submit this to Bets. She would like to obtain a LOGO for LT, and Sharon Ferguson said she would be willing to work on it. The website address will be formally announced in September. Bets will contact former directors and historians for pictures of past productions.

It was pointed out that the LT meetings are not getting onto the calendar in the HORN. Bets said she would take care of that.

Gene pointed out that Ed Prendergast is checking into rental storage space options so we can get all of the LT property into a common area and out of residents' garages and basements. Don Jewell suggested checking into POD storage

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Roger delRosario talked about the Play Writing contest. Roger and his committee have come up with rules and an announcement will be in the July HORN. It will be open to the HH community, not only HHLT members. The Board had previously approved the announcement. (A copy of the article is attached to these minutes.) It is hoped we will have a winning entry that can be produced by the HHLT.

Gene is in the process of rewriting the methodology for choosing directors for future productions. The methodology we have in place now does not work well and we hope to simplify it. Some people have expressed interest in directing the spring, 2012 play.

There was a discussion of why anyone who is willing to volunteer their time to help the LT in some way also has to become a member and pay dues. It was pointed out that we are all dues-paying volunteers and most of us put in lots of time and effort.

Sandy Iasiello asked if any thought had been given to when the LT picnic would be held. Betty Hitchcock, activities chair, will be obtaining volunteers for hosting this, etc.

Joyce Mancini stated we should mark our calendars for the Sunday before Thanksgiving for the annual Thanksgiving feast at her home

Ina will be looking for people to join her on the nominating committee toward the end of the year. We will have 4 positions available for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Treva Whyte, Treasurer  
(Acting for Sandy Mills, Secretary)